



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Melvin J. Guiles  
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For : LOW-PROFILE HIGH-STRENGTH VEHICLE DOORBEAM  
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RESPONSE

In Response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2004, the period for response being until June 27, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested restriction among the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-4  
Group II: Claims 5-13  
Group III: Claims 14-16  
Group IV: Claims 17-21 and 23-26

Applicant provisionally elects Group IV. However, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement in its entirety.

The Examiner asserts that the Groups are distinct from each other because they are related as combination and subcombination. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that "the subcombination [sic] has a utility in other combinations such as a leaf spring, wiper motor attachment, and a glove compartment edge respectively." However, the claims in all of the



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